

## SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Page 3, bottom paragraph, please amend to read as follows:

As shown in Fig. 8, conventional fixing roller 71 comprises light-transmitting elastic layer 71b, made of a light-transmitting silicon rubber, and heat absorptive layer 71c, which are sequentially laminated on the outer circumferential surface of light-transmitting base body ~~71~~ 71a being a hollow cylinder. While, pressing roller 72 comprises elastic member ~~72~~ 72b, made of a silicon rubber etc., which is covered on the outer circumferential surface of core metal member 72a being a hollow cylinder made of a metal, such as, for instance, an aluminum alloy, etc.

Page 4, first paragraph, please amend to read as follows:

Further, in the conventional fixing device shown in Fig. 7, light-transmitting base body 71a is inserted into bearing 71d to rotatably support fixing roller 71, which is driven by gear 78 geared with the reduction gear of the driving means (not shown in the drawings). While both end portions of core metal member 72a are inserted into bearing members 72c to rotatably support pressing roller 72, which

is urged toward fixing roller 71 by springs 72d to make pressing roller 72 press-contacts fixing roller 71. When fixing roller 71 rotates, pressing roller 72 also rotates as a driven roller of fixing roller 71, and a nip portion, formed by the press-contacting action between elastic member ~~72~~ 72b of pressing roller 72 and light-transmitting elastic layer 71b of fixing roller 71, applies heat and pressure onto the toner image on the transfer material while conveying the transfer material to fix the toner image.

Page 9, paragraph (7), please amend to read as follows:

(7) In the fixing apparatus of (6), a material of said ~~bearing~~ heat insulating member has a heat deformation temperature higher than 200°C under a load of 18.6 Kg/cm<sup>2</sup>.